

states. I support the bill because it also exemplifies the critical idea that the risk from such attacks should be dealt at national level. H.R. 4299 should be seen as part of our broader efforts to confront and defeat the terrorist enemy.

No legislative initiative, especially in such a critical field related to the security of our country, can become really effective unless it enjoys the support of the private industry it affects.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that H.R. 4299 is broadly supported by insurance companies, insurance agents and brokers, policyholders, commercial developers, and construction companies.

Another important provision in the bill is that it extends TRIA to cover both foreign and domestic terrorism. Currently it covers only foreign terrorism. It also adds group life insurance to the types of insurance for which terrorism insurance coverage must be made available by insurers. It also sets the "trigger" level—the size of an attack at which the federal government would provide aid to insurers—at \$50 million. Current law (P.L. 109-44), enacted in 2005, sets the level at \$50 million in 2006 and \$100 million in 2007. Yet another strong feature of the bill is it requires continuation of studies of the development of a private market for terrorism and risk insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I support the passage of H.R. 4299 and call on my colleagues to do like wise because I strongly believe that it will strengthen our nation's efforts to confront the terrorist threat in a more comprehensive way and will provide long-term stability for critical American industries.

TRIBUTE TO DEBRA HUNT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Debra Hunt for her victory in this past election. Ms. Hunt was victorious and was able to stake her claim as a member of the Ripley Town Council.

The campaign trail is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Hunt traveled that path with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the voters of Chautauqua County.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong candidates with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Ms. Hunt is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise to honor her today.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION OF THE 1980 SUMMER OLYMPIC TEAM

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to a group of Americans who made a significant sacrifice for this coun-

try. In 1979, as a result of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter boycotted the summer Olympic Games in Moscow. The American led boycott was supported by Japan, West Germany, China and Canada.

As we all know, these games occur only once every 4 years. The investment of time and effort required of an Olympic caliber athlete is extraordinary. Because of this investment, many of these athletes sacrificed a once in a lifetime dream of competing on this world stage.

To recognize their sacrifice, the 96th Congress awarded the Olympic athletes the Congressional Gold Medal. Unfortunately, due to a clerical interpretation, these Americans were not listed as recipients by the Clerk's office. This year I was pleased to assist the U.S. Olympic Committee in correcting this error. The 1980 Summer U.S. Olympic Team is now officially recognized as a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal.

I pass along special thanks to Mr. Ron Neugent of Wichita, Kansas for his dedicated efforts to ensure we properly honor these 1980 Summer Olympians. As a proud member of the 1980 Olympic Swimming Team, Ron identified this oversight and brought it to my attention. This group has waited a long time for this recognition, and I believe that the individual athletes that made up this team deserve to be recognized. To honor their individual sacrifice, these outstanding Americans are listed below so that Congress and the American people can give them the thanks they deserve.

Ableman, Randolph Phillip Wm., Adams, Judi C., Aguirre, Mark Anthony, Alexander, Gwen Cheeseman, Allen, Francis E., Allen, Lee, Allsopp, Christopher Reid, Altekruze, Charles, Anders, Elizabeth R. (Beth), Anderson, Colin C., Anderson, Jodi, Anderson, M. Lynne, Anderson, Ron, Anderson, Terence M., Andrews, Ann Turbyne, Andrews, Mary Osborne.

French, Diane McCormick, Fuller, Mark Albert, Gable, Danny Mack, Gaines IV, Ambrose Rowdy, Galimore, Ron, Gambriel, Donald Lee, Gansler, Robert, Gardner, Gwen, Gardner, Peter Van Wyck, Gault, Willie, Gee, Darryl Lester, Geer, Charlotte Mosher, Geer, Julia Hand, Gerard, Larry D., Gilder, Virginia Anne, Giordano, Robert J.

Neel, Ernest W., Nehemiah, Renaldo, Neugent, Ronald Kingsley, Newland, Robert Warren, Neyer, Megan, Nieman, Robert Lee, Nitz, Leonard Harvey, Nitzkowski (Monty) Kenneth, Nonna, John Michael, Norelius, Kristine Lee, Nyquist, Dwight A., O'Brien, Mark Edwin, O'Brien, Ronald Shay, O'Connor, Daniel Martin, O'Connor, Mary Irene, O'Leary, Elizabeth Hills.

Angelakis, Jana Marie, Arnautoff, Peter, Arnold, Homer Stuart, Atwood, Duncan Fuller M., Auriol, Yves Leon, Azevedo, John, Bailey, Peggy McCarthy, Banks, W. Augustus (Willie), Barber, Valerie Ann, Barczewski, Leslie, Barnes, Hope, Barnicoat, Stephen Douglas, Barrett, William Melvin, Baston, Lynette Rae, Baughman, Richard Wayne, Baxter, Terri Lynn, Beardsley, Craig Russell, Becker, Carolyn Marie, Beglin, Elizabeth Anne (Beth), Belden, William Thomas, Bell, Richard, Belle, Roberta J., Bellinger, Tony, Benjamin, Stephen Delancey, Bennett, Robin Campbell, Bergen, Paul David, Bertrand, John (Joseph), Bessette, Andrew, Bishop II, Washington D., Blackman, Rolando, Blatnick, Jeffrey Carl, Blazejowski, Carol, Bolden, Jeanette, Borchelt, E. Frederick, Borchelt, Mark Raymond, Borysewicz, Edward, Bossett, Henry Peter, Bottom, Michael Leo, Bower, Carol Ann, Bowie, Sam, Brandel,

Terry Ann Place, Brooks, Michael Anthony, Brown, Carol Page, Brown, Debra Landreth, Brown, Doug Charles, Brown, Julie Ann, Brown-Harris, Alice, Bruner, Michael Lee, Buchan, William, Buck, Marrita N. Crockett, Glance, Harvey Edward, Glass, Timothy Carrigan, Glenesk, Dean William, Goldsby, Boyd D., Goldstein, Jesse H., Goodell, Brian Stuart, Gorski, Mark, Grant, Jill Evans, Graves, Carrie Brand, Gray, Landon Fentress, Green, Debbie B., Green, William Earnest, Greene, Pamela D., Gregorek, John Stanley, Gribble, Matthew O., Griffin, Lorna Joann, Gros, Vonnice, Grylls, David Miles, Gust, Brian B., Haines Jr., Robert Bentley, Haines, George F., Hamann, Stephen Walter, Hamilton, Donald Leslie, Hannan, Jerry B., Hartung, James N., Harville, Janet Christine, Hatton, Hollis S., Hauserman, Cindy Noble, Hayes, John Patrick, Hazeltine, Thomas, Heffner, Kyle Daniels, Heiring, James Anthony, Hellickson, Russell Owen, Hencken, John Frederick, Hightower, Stephanie, Hill, Denean E., Hingley, Susan Tuttle, Hintnaus, Tomas, Hogshead-Makar, Nancy, Homfeld, Conrad E., Howard, James A., Howard, Sherri Francis, Howard, Terry M., Howes, Janet Baier, Howes, Thomas Andrew, Hull, Thomas W., Huntsman, Anita Miller, Huntsman, Stanley Houser, Hyman, Flora Jean, Ibbetson, Bruce Bernard.

Orban, Alex, Pace, Darrell Owen, Page, Nathaniel, Paige, Donald James, Palchikoff, Jan Louise, Palles, Lee Nicholas, Paulus, William George, Pennington, Mary (Joan), Pesa, Njogo, Pesthy, Paul Karoly, Peterson, Ben L., Plant, Mary Meagher, Plucknett, Ben (Walter), Plumb, John Michael, Potter, Cynthia Ann, Powell, John Gates, Prioleau, Paul Edouard, Prudent, Katherine Monahan, Puleo, Joseph Robert, Purdy, William David, Parsley, Dennis C., Rademaker, Sperry Jones, Reese, Randolph Howard, Reilly, Philip Vincent, Reiter, Steve Frank, Rheingans, Brad Bert, Ripley, Dan, Ritter, Louise Dorothy, Robertson, Kevin George, Robinson Jr, James, Rocca, Peter D., Rodda, David Lee, Roney, Brian Kelly, Rudd, Teresa Lee (Terry), Salazar, Alberto Bauduy, Salvemini, Daniel Michael, Sandoval, Anthony, Santa Maria, Mitch James, Santos, Jim, Sayner, Daniel Kevin, Schake, Callen N., Schmidt, Kathryn Joan, Schmitz, James William, Schnugg, Peter Hayden, Schroeder, Terry Alan, Schubert, Mark Edward, Schueler, Carl Francis, Schuler, Thomas Jay, Scott, Steven Michael, Scully Jr., Clark Todd.

Buerkle, Richard Thomas, Buese, Elisabeth Anne (Lisa), Bungum, Brian, Burgering, David Earl, Burley, Michael E., Butler, James, Cahoy, Philip Michael, Caldwell, Gregory Donnell, Cameron, Mark, Campbell, Anthony E. (Tonie), Campbell, Chris L., Cara, John P., Carey, Richard John (Rick), Carlisle, Kimberly J., Carlton, Guy Albert, Carnes, James Jerome, Case, Nathaniel Hathaway, Cashin Jr., Richard Marshall, Cavanaugh, Chris, Centrowitz, Matthew, Chandler, Dan C., Chatzky Jr., John, Cheeseborough, Chandra D., Cheris, Elaine Gayle, Christensen, Steven Erik, Chyzowych, Walter S., Clark, Dean Owen, Clark, Timothy, Clarke, Kathy Johnson, Coffee, Paul, Coffman, Robert Edward, Cohen, Michael M., Colgan, Sean Padraic, Collins, Steven Keith, Collins-Cumming, Luci A., Conner, Bart, Cook, Robert, Cooper, Dedy, Corbelli, Laurie Flachmeier, Cruz, Christina Ann, Curry Jr. James (Butch), Curry, Denise Marie, Dabney, Sharon Ann, Darling, Thomas Ward, Davis, Roderick Hopkins, De Frantz, Anita L., De Nemethy, Bertalan, Dello Joio, Norman, Derwin, Brian P., Desautels, Denise.

Iversen, Laurel B., Jackson, Robert Scott, Jaugstetter, Robert C., Jezek, Linda Louise, Johnson, Mark Anthony, Johnson, Sheryl, Johnson, Stacey Rita, Johnson, Wayne, Jordan, Paul, Karchut, Michael, Keeler, Kathryn Elliott, Kehoe, David Michael, Kelly,